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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH USYG SHEVCHENKO RE SOVIET POSITION
ON UNEF EXTENSION

1. IN CONVERSATION EVENING OCTOBER 9, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL SHEVCHENKO STRESSED TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT OF SOVIET DISSATISFACTION OVER SINAI AGREEMENT AND MADE CLEAR THAT SOVIET DELEGATION WILL PLAY CONTENTIOUS ROLE IN FORTHCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE OVER UNEF EXTENSION. HE SAID HOWEVER SOVIETS WILL NOT GO TO POINT OF BLOCKING UNEF EXTENSION.

2. SHEVCHENKO EMPHASIZED, AND REITERATED SEVERAL TIME DURING CONVERSATION, SOVIET RESENTMENT OVER HAVING BEEN LEFT OUT OF SINAI AGREEMENT AND, AS HE PUT IT, NOT KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. HE BROUGHT IN NAMES OF BREZHNEV IN THIS CONNECTION.

3. SHEVCHENKO INDICATED VIEW THIS WAS A U.S. AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL, INCLUDING SENDING OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL INTO AREA. WHY SHOULD SC BE INVOLVED WITH MATTER?

4. IN EXTENTION OF THAT ARGUMENT HE BROUGHT UP MATTER OF INCREASED COSTS FOR UNEF THAT WOULD RESULT FROM AGREEMENT AND AGAIN POSED QUESTION WHETHER SC HAD ANY RESPONSIBILITY IN THAT CONNECTION. HE WENT ON AT SOME

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LENGTH, REPEATING HIMSELF A NUMBER OF TIMES IN HIS OBVIOUS

EFFORT TO RECORD SOVIET UNHAPPINESS OVER SITUATION.

5. COMMENT: SHEVCHENKO'S COMMENTS SUPPLEMENT SEVERAL
OTHER REPORTS OF SOVIET ACTIVITY IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE
QUESTINIONING SINAI AGREEMENTTM VISITING SOVIET OFFICIAL ISSRAELYAN
HAS BEEN ACTIVE HERE ALONG SAME LINES AS ABOVE WITH USYG
URQUHART, SWEDISH PERMREP (CURRENT SC PRESIDENT) AND OTHERS.
FOR SOME TIME SOVIET DELEGATION HAS BEEN POSITIONING ITSELF
TO OPT OUT OF ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR UNEF. WE CAN COUNT
ON MALIK TO MAKE MATTER AS UNPLEASANT AS POSSIBLE IN SECURITY
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF UNEF EXTENSION.
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